



Lion District 2-A2 Newsletter Issue 7 – January 2015

From DG Sam Pantusa:



May Each of You and Those that are Near and Dear to You have Health and Happiness in the Coming Year. We are very grateful to you for your continued dedication and personal sacrifice in support of our common Lion causes.

We begin 2015 by reflecting on the Service provided to our communities during the first half of our 2014/15 Lion Year. That reflection gives us a remarkable catalog of individual and Club donations of Time, Talent and Treasure. We are fortunate to have the ability to log and record the work as we move toward the celebration of our Centennial in 2017, as we have been asked to do to prove that we will have aided 100,000,000 people in this three year lead up.

We began this year by asking you to regard SERVICE as the first and foremost element of business. From Service, all the other hopes and aspirations will come. Your acceptance of this message builds an enormous sense of PRIDE in us all and in me, most especially. I am very grateful that you continue to answer that call. Our **VITAL SIGNS – Health Assessment** shows that you have done work, so far, that has impacted over **27,000 people** in our communities. Imagine where we can be by June 30 at this pace.

As Governor, we can track the work as we go. So we wanted to share with you, just a glimpse of what we have seen this first 6 months. Note that we have limited the entries to just one per each Club that has documented their activity on the monthly report, although, these Clubs and all others have done much, much more. And these are limited to Service Projects without taking into account all the fundraising and other associated events of our Clubs.

So, a Quick Look goes like this: **SERVICE RECAP District 2-A2, 2014-2015 July through December**

BEXAR COUNTY CHINA GROVE AREA LIONS Handed out school supplies and backpacks at the Claude Black Community Center.

BRUNI LIONS The Bruni Lions Club hosted a Welcome Back social for the teachers and staff of Webb CISD. A hamburger lunch and ice cream social was held to kick off the new school year.

CARRIZO SPRINGS LIONS We had a free vision screen, that provided a value to our community of \$4150! This was very successful! This screening allowed us to help get eyeglasses fitted to 2 people who had great need but could not afford it.

CENTER POINT LIONS On August 2, three Center Point Lions Club members, Lions Brenda, Linda, and Debbie, helped do vision screening along with the Kerrville Host Lions at 1st Assembly of God Church in Kerrville, Texas. The church was holding a back to school fair, giving vision screening, blood pressure tests, shoes, school supplies, and haircuts free to school age children. We did not turn away anyone of any age that wanted their eyes screened with the SPOT. In total we screened 37 people and had 7 referrals.

COMFORT LIONS The Comfort Lions Club provided facilities and refreshments for 15 Lions of Dist. 2-A2 Zone 1 for training and certification to use the PediaVision "SPOT". The "SPOT" unit can evaluate children's eyesight from ages 6 months to 6 years old as well as older children and adults.

COTULLA LIONS Screened 93 children for eye problems at Cotulla Health Fair.

DEL RIO HOST LIONS On 06/14/2014 a total of \$16,500 was presented to Del Rio High School graduating seniors.

DEL RIO SAN FELIPE LIONS Travel and medical expenses. Medical eye operation. Purchase eye glasses. We helped 4 individuals.

EAGLE PASS BORDER LIONS screen 67 persons and found one child that needed to be screened by the kidvision program

EAGLE PASS EVENING LIONS donated money to 3 local youngsters to attend baseball clinic

FLORESVILLE LIONS Club members donated cereal and breakfast bars to the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry

KERRVILLE HEART O' THE HILLS LIONS Posting of flags to celebrate Independence Day.

LA VERNIA LIONS With our La Vernia Lions Club float, we promote and advertise our primary fundraising event, the work of our local Lions Club and the work of Lions Clubs International

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY LIONS Vision Screening MESU Event at San Fernando Cathedral -Visual Acuity -Peripheral vision -Eye pressure

PLEASANTON LIONS Free movie program for kids of the community - WE DECIDED TO PAY FOR THE WEDNESDAY \$0.75 SUMMER MOVIE SERIES FOR THE SUMMER.

S A ALAMO CITY LIONS Xmas presents and party for the children Angel Tree who father's are in Prison, and Miller Child Development Center. Also help with xmas Dinner for the seniors at the Sheldon Arms apartments.

S A AREA FAMILY LIONS Several club members, along with their children and grandchildren, engaged in trash pickup at Tobin Park.

S A CENTRAL PARK LIONS Laying of Christmas wreaths on graves at the Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery. this is an annual affair involving many civic groups.

S A EDGEWOOD LIONS Delivery of meals to homebound seniors in the community

S A FOUNDER LIONS A check in the amount of \$2,223 was presented to the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry for the 56 adults and children that obtained an eye exam and/or glasses during June, 2014.

S A HIGHLAND HILLS LIONS Assisted community members to medical appointments and grocery services. Collected and offered eye glasses for recycle.

S A HIGHLAND PARK LIONS With the help of the San Antonio Highland Park Lions Club 26 people received glasses during the months of July, August and September. The Club worked with the University of Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry.

NORTH S A HILL LIONS NSAH Lion's Club gave 2 Lion's camp counselors scholarships for the coming year to the college they were attending.

S A NORTHISDE LIONS On November 29, 2014, members of the Northside Lions Club assisted in the loading of 175 Personal Energy Transportation (PET) units for shipment to Honduras. These PET units will provide disabled children and adults with mobility. These units are constructed at the PET site at 219 East Nakoma, San Antonio, by volunteers including Lions from the Northside Lions Club.

S A NORTHWEST LIONS The San Antonio Northwest Lions Club served a Thanksgiving meal to 36 needy individuals (parents and children) from local elementary schools in our service area who would not have been able to have one for their families.

S A WESTSIDE LIONS Provided clothing, toys, fruit, candy, dinner, entertainment, and Santa Clause for 28 disadvantaged children.

S A WINDCREST LIONS Collect used eyeglasses; sent to Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) in Midland, TX

SCHERTZ CIBOLO BUFFALO VALLEY LIONS Our club served by volunteering to help April our local library coordinator with the Dr. Who Reading Program. We assisted the teens with arts and crafts, book selection, and monitored the attendees. In addition, we provided pizzas, drinks, and snacks.

STOCKDALE LIONS 1st Annual Stockdale Lions Kids Fun Run- Benefiting Devian Rivera, to bring awareness to the genetic disorder of Ectodermal Dysplasia

Remember this is JUST a GLIMPSE of all that goes on throughout the year. I think this to be a remarkable display of the Hearts of Lions. I am grateful and thank you on behalf of those 27,000+ neighbors of ours. I know that you will continue to work and share. We stand ready to help, however, you may need us.

We look forward to visiting with you at your Clubs when you wish for us to be there. Please let me know if you have time for a visit at an upcoming meeting, or if you would like for us to help at an event, or if you'd like for us to help in some other way. We are anxious to see you at our **Mid-Winter Conference in San Antonio that will be hosted by our HILL COUNTRY RETREAT LIONS at their excellent facility. That will be on January 16 and 17.** We look forward to hearing from all the Candidates, then, that will be seeking election at our District Convention. And our Hosts have some special entertainment waiting for us.

To learn about acts of Service all around the world go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>



And LOOK FOR
Thanks for listening

SEE YOU at Hill Country Retreat Resort on January 16.
DG LION SAM

Happy New Year

Prospero Año Nuevo



2014- 2015 LIONS DISTRICT 2A2



MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Hosted by

San Antonio Hill Country Retreat Lions Club

4550 Del Webb Blvd
San Antonio, TX 78253

Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17

Friday Afternoon Board Meetings
Friday Evening Social, Hospitality and Candidate Announcements
Saturday morning breakfast
Saturday noon luncheon
LIVE entertainment

Inclusive Cost: \$22.50 pp

Checks payable to: HCR Lions Club

OR

Pay on-line: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lions-mid-winter-conference-tickets-8437778623>

Additional info: Lion Jay Hall 210-889-8062 email: <mailto:jay.hall123@gmail.com>

Lion Pres. Becky Boss 210-679-7610 email: <mailto:62theboss@att.net>

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Featured Hotel

Fairfield Inn & Suites Sea World Westover Hills – A Marriott Property

4026 Wiseman Blvd.
San Antonio, TX 78251

GROUP RATE: \$85.00 plus tax

Hotel Reservations Line: [\(800\) 228-9290](tel:8002289290)

(Just mention “Lions Mid-Winter Meeting”)

HERE'S WHAT'S IN STORE at HILL COUNTRY RETREAT
-- Your MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 16 & 17





DISTRICT 2-A2 International Association of Lions Clubs
Mid-Winter Conference Friday & Saturday, January 16 & 17, 2015
Hill Country Retreat, San Antonio – Home of Hill Country Retreat Lions Club
Agenda

Schedule:

Friday:

Sight Research Foundation Meeting: 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Human Needs Board Meeting: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Hearing Board Meeting: 2:30pm to 4:00pm

PDG Association Meeting 3:45pm to 4:45pm

ZC RETREAT REVISITED Zone Chairs; PDG Assistants & Cabinet

Officers

Social; Candidates Announcement Reception; Entertainment

7:00pm to

10:30pm

Saturday:

Continental or other light **breakfast** from 8:00am to 9:00am

Registration of Attendees from 8:00am to 9:00am

Business Session from 9:00am to 12:30pm

Lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm – Guest Speaker **Larry Johnson**

-- Disc Jockey, Human Resources Manager, Author, and More.– blind since birth. Larry is an internationally recognized motivational speaker, workshop presenter, and author of three new books. “My mother used to say to me: You can do anything you put your mind to. It doesn’t matter that you are blind. And, somehow, I believed her.”

Larry is still active in presentations and workshops. He was the recent keynote speaker at the state convention of the American Council of the Blind of Texas, and he just completed a series of 39 workshops on disability sensitivity for over 800 bus operators with VIA in San Antonio. “I very much enjoy presenting and interacting with live audiences,” Larry said. “It is truly exciting to be able to touch people with your words- to make them laugh, to make them feel, to help them hope.”

In search for adventure, Larry has truly taken advantage of his semi-retirement. The thing he said he enjoys most is having the freedom to choose what he will do each day. “I went bungee-jumping and white-water rafting in Oregon when I was 76,”

Larry has accomplished so much during his lifetime. He has been gainfully employed for over 60 years, published four books, and taken on leadership roles in his community. He is definitely a mentor to keep an eye on.

District Leadership Forum after lunch 1:45pm to 4:00pm

Topics: “Engaging Younger Members”

“Your Club’s Blueprint”

“ February ASK 1 Campaign”

DISTRICT 2-A2  **VITAL SIGNS** at December 27, 2014

REMEMBER (All stats as per MyLCI records as submitted on MMR's & Activity Reports)

SERVICE

NUMBER of CLUBS REPORTING SERVICE ACTIVITIES since July 1, 2014 ----- 30 out of 63
 SERVICE HOURS that HAVE BEEN REPORTED since JULY 1, 2014: ----- 6,338
 NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED since July 1, 2014 ----- 27,411

MEMBERSHIP


MEMBERSHIP at JULY 1, 2014: ----- 1777 at December 27, 2014 ----- 1809

CLUBS NET POSITIVE MEMBERSHIP since July 1, 2014: Comfort, Converse, Crystal City, Del Rio San Felipe, Floresville, Fredericksburg, Helotes, Kerrville Host, Kerrville Sunrise, LaVernia, Laredo, Pleasanton, Sabinal, SA Area Family, SA Central Park, SA Edgewood, SA Hill Country Retreat, SA Region 20, SA Westside, Schertz Buffalo Valley, Three Rivers, Utopia ----- 35% of 62 Clubs (does not factor New UTSA Roadrunners Club with 39 new members reported at 10/28 and since)

TOTAL NUMBER ADDED since July 1, 2014: -----	175	prior year comparisons	2013	138	2012	95
NUMBER of MEMBERS LOST since July 1, 2014: ---	143		2013	192	2012	152
NEW CLUBS CHARTERED since July 1, 2014: ---	1		2013	1	2012	0
CLUBS DROPPED since July 1, 2014: -----	0		2013	1	2012	2
CURRENT NET at December 27, 2014: -----	+32		2013	- 54	2012	- 57

TARGET MEMBERSHIP GOALS for 2014 / 2015 (at year end June 30, 2015)

Total Members Lost	200 or less	prior year comparisons	2014	296	2013	221
NET TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	+ 75		2014	21	2013	64
NEW CLUBS CHARTERED	3		2014	2	2013	2
CLUBS DROPPED	0		2014	1	2013	2

 **CURRENT HEALTH RATING: Rating from 1 to 10, with 10 being super outstanding** **7.5**



ALL ACROSS TEXAS IN **FEBRUARY, 2015** LIONS WILL BE CONDUCTING A MAJOR MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN THAT STEMS FROM A SIMPLE PLAN ---

JUST ASK ONE PERSON TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR CLUB'S SERVICE WORK.

AT OUR **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**, WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT STEPS THAT CAN HELP YOU TO ADD TO THE NUMBER OF HELPING HANDS THAT YOUR CLUB MAY BE NEEDING.

HOW DO WE ADD QUALITY MEMBERS? HOW DO WE ADD YOUNGER MEMBERS?

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT APPROACHES THAT WE WILL DISCUSS AS PART OF THE

***DISTRICT LEADERSHIP FORUM ON
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 17.***

FORMULA for Growth & Success >>>>>>>>

MORE MEMBERS = MORE HANDS + MORE IDEAS + MORE HEARTS ALL WORKING TOGETHER IN SERVICE

Centennial Challenge:

There's never been a better time to serve than now! For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities and impacted millions of people around the world. To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we

are asking Lions to help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by June 2018. Every club can play a part in reaching our goal, and your club can earn special Centennial recognition when you serve!

All Clubs have a chance to participate by making sure that Club Secretaries report each and every service project that the Club does every month when going online to do the MMR. If anyone needs help learning how to report activities get in touch with District Secretary Steve at smedina@shelton-valadez.com or District Admin. Liaison Lion Ray at 11castillo@sbcglobal.net or District GLT Coordinator Lion Chris at drake1432@yahoo.com.

For more information copy and paste into your browser:

<http://lions100.org/EN/centennial-service-challenge.php>

Floresville Lions Club:



Lion Janie Garza receiving her 10 years of service pin from DG Sam Pantusa. Congratulations, Janie!!



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From Juanita Tijerina:

Step Up to the Plate! Looking for a Few Lions!

Nomination(s) for 2015-2016

We might say it's too early to talk about nominations for the different boards and offices for the Lion year 2015-2016. But really, it's not too early. We need to let our club members know this information for their consideration. We are looking for a few good men and women to step up to the plate and assume leadership positions.

The following are positions to be considered:

HEARING BOARD:

Four (4) positions for a two (2) year term

LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION:

Two (2) positions for a three (3) year term

TEXAS LIONS CAMP:

One (1) position for a two (2) year term

HUMAN NEEDS BOARD:

One (1) position for a two (2) year term

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We also have the position of:

FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The club needs to write a resolution and highlight the qualifications of each candidate running for office. A copy of the club's endorsed candidate resolution needs to be mailed to:

Lion Juanita Tijerina
10407 Timber Country
San Antonio, Texas 78254

Also a copy to the District Governor
DG Sam Pantusa
118 Adobe Dr.
San Antonio, Texas 78213

No later than thirty (30) days prior to District Convention. The magic day is March 11, 2015. The sooner we receive the resolution the better. Let's all have fun and consider running for office.

Annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum:

The Fifteenth Annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Austin Texas on March 7th and 8th. The registration form follows:

**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM
and
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**
Crowne Plaza North Central
6121 North I-35 – Austin, Texas
March 7 (start 11:30 a.m) and March 8 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2015

Registration
All who attend must register

Registration must be for the event package.
It is not possible to register for individual meal functions.

Separate registration form is required, even if lodging together.	
Name: _____ Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Member # _____	
Phone: _____ E-mail _____	
Address: _____	
City/State _____ Zip code: _____	
Club: _____ District _____	
Highest Lion office held _____	
Are you staying at the Crowne Plaza? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, name on reservation? _____	
Make checks to: Texas Lions Leadership Forum Mail to: Frances Cherry Phone: 915-584-0130 6216 Caprock Cell: 915-494-4425 El Paso, TX 79912 pdgscherrys@yahoo.com	Forum registration before 2/6/15 # _____ @ \$50.00 = _____ Forum registration after 2/6/15 # _____ @ \$75.00 = _____ No registration after March 1 or at the site
NO HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE THROUGH THIS FORUM REGISTRATION PROCESS.	
Reserve lodging direct at the Crowne Plaza Austin North Central, 6121 North I-35, Austin, TX. The Lions Clubs International rate must be requested. To reserve, telephone 877-227-6963 or telephone the hotel direct at 512-323-5466. Rate: \$99 per night, single or double. The reservation deadline at this rate is February 18. Reserve and guarantee your room <u>now</u> .	The first 100 Lions registering, who have never been elected to a position of Vice Governor or higher, will have their March 7th lodging paid for by the Institute. You will be notified by Frances Cherry after paying your registration if you qualify for the paid lodging. Even those who qualify for this paid lodging must make and guarantee their own reservations with the Crowne Plaza Austin North Central. If you qualify for a paid room and need to cancel, you must notify both the hotel AND Frances Cherry. If you do not notify both, your credit card will be charged for the unused room. Frances Cherry contact at (915) 494-4425 or (915) 478-4425.

Select six sessions -

- Club Excellent Process
- Club Issues & Opportunities
- Effective Meeting Management
- Club Success
- Member Diversity & Inclusion
- Membership
- Future Vice Governors
- LCI, Texas Lion history
- Leadership fundamentals
- Lion fundamentals
- Membership fundamentals
- Mentoring
- Motivating club members
- Personal mission statement
- Public speaking
- Set & reach club goals
- Social media & Lionism
- Structure & organization
- Time management
- Working in teams
- Personal mission statement
- Leaderdogs for the Blind*
- Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation*
- Texas Lions Camp*
- Lions Eyeglass Recycling*
- Texas Lions Foundation*
- World Services for the Blind*

*Indicates presentation in only one session.

San Antonio Northwest Lions Club

The San Antonio Northwest Lions held a coat drive to assist Julian C. Gallardo Elementary School in the Southside ISD. 25 coats were donated to help students who are in need. Pictured are the school counselor, Mrs. Rebecca Hutchinson, along with Lions Stefanie & Ramiro Escobar.



LEOs Celebration



Sunday, Dec 7th, a LEOs picnic was hosted at Garner Park by the Leakey Lions. Seventeen LEOs from Stockdale, Floresville and the Del Rio Pride clubs were present along with six advisers. DG San Pantusa and Texas LEO Council Adviser Elizabeth Bumgardner also attended. They celebrated LEO International Day. Certificates of Recognition were presented to the LEOs and their advisers by District 2A2 LEO adviser Lion Lee Gonen of the Floresville Lions Club. After the meeting, the LEOs had a great time on some of the trails in the hills that run around the park. A special Thank You to the Leakey Lions for hosting this picnic, all the kids said they had a good time and enjoyed the food provided and prepared by the Leakey Lions.

San Antonio Founder Lions Club:

The San Antonio Founder Lions worked the phone banks at KLRN Pledge Night on Monday, December 8.



Pictured—Row 1—KLRN Chair Lion Dave Splitek, Arnold Flather, Marty Ross, Nancy Richter, Rod Chisholm, Rick Newburg, Arthur Browne, Patty Browne, Tammy Swann, Tracy Wiggins, and Brad Swann. Thank you, Founder Lions, for volunteering at KLRN on December 8, 2014. Immediate Past District Governor Lion Rod Chisholm raised the most during this pledge drive.



For the fourth consecutive year, the Founder Lions Club has participated in the Elf Louise Christmas Project. Santa Rod Chisholm with Elves Anne Kelly, sister of Lion Rod from Washington, D.C., Tammy and Danielle Swann, and Sleigh Driver Brad Swann brought Christmas joy to some twelve families and thirty children they saw along the way. Thank you for your time and effort to brighten this Christmas for some of the children in San Antonio.

San Antonio Alamo Heights Lions Club

At Toys for Tots Marine Corp toy collection party:



At Meeting at Earl Abel's Restaurant:





At Logan's Roadhouse for the Human Needs Board:



Kerrville Host Lions Club Preparing Christmas Baskets:



Kendall Davison, Rick Flynn,
Mike Butler



Ready to go!



Peggy Schmidt and Juno Druebert delivering
Christmas Basket

Fireworks Fundraiser:



Busy New Year's Eve!!



Rick Flynn



Susan and Jack Thorn, Barb Flynn

HE's BACK -- FEBRUARY 28, 2015 in Old Town HELOTES



That's right. GET YOUR RUNNING SHOES, YOUR LOOSE FITTING JOGGING SUIT, (wish I had anything that was loose fitting), AND YOUR TUBE of BEN-GAY or MUSCLE RUB of CHOICE and get ready for the 2015 version of our STRIDE for SIGHT LIONS 5K RUN. More details will be coming out with our website and FACEBOOK page. But a couple of things to remember:





NEWS FOR TEXAS LIONS

MD-2 Lions 2015 State Convention Update

January 15 Early-Bird Registration Deadline Fast Approaching

COLLEGE STATION — Lions planning to attend the 2015 MD-2 Lions State Convention in College Station can save as much as \$20 by registering early. The convention is May 21-23.

A full registration postmarked on or before Jan. 15, 2015, is \$185. The price goes up to \$195 on Jan. 16 and to \$206 on Apr. 15.

Optional events and the golf tournament have separate registrations. Registration forms are at <http://convention.texaslions.org/2015-college-station/registration/>. The form is a fillable pdf format. Type in your information, print, attach check and mail.

"Get Connected to Lions" is the theme of the state convention. "This convention is different," said PDG Floyd Golan, chair. "It has programs aimed at all Lions, but we have special programming aimed at the grassroots level."

Past International President Barry J. Palmer of Berowra, NSW, Australia, will speak at the convention. Other presenters include Texas Country Reporter Bob Phillips and Diane Rose, a blind quilter.

A country fair of food and entertainment will open the convention. Lions of District 2-55 will provide music and a wide array of specialty dishes from some 20 clubs.

Need help or have questions regarding registration? Contact

PDG Charles Villeneuve, Registrar
PO Box 21
Seguin, TX 78156
Phone: 830-379-8632

More 2015 Texas Lions State Convention news and information is at
convention.texaslions.org

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NEWS FOR TEXAS LIONS

MD-2 Lions 2015 State Convention Update

Blind Quilter to Speak at 2015 Lions State Convention

COLLEGE STATION — Vision-impaired with glaucoma all her life, Rose became blind as a result of an accident in 1984, a mere four days before she was to undergo a cornea transplant. But not only has that condition not slowed her down, Rose has used it to serve as a means to motivate others to achieve their true potential.

She has used her lack of sight as a springboard to give motivational talks both within and beyond the context of her ministry, Rose of Sharon Ministries. "The way I look at it, if I can do what I have done, without sight, how much can you do?" she said. Her achievements are considerable. Even without sight, Rose was heavily involved in the Nashville music scene as a journalist covering the various aspects of, and personalities in, country music.

And it's not as if she has been dabbling at quilting, either. "I have been doing it since 1998," she said, "and I have made more than 475 of them." She also had a goal to make 500 quilts by Aug 14th 2008, which was her 10th anniversary of making quilts. She achieved her anniversary goal, worked her way to 700 quilts, and she is now hoping to make 1,000 quilts by her 15th anniversary.

In fact, Rose's music connections have resulted in quilts being sold to such personalities as country music legend Loretta Lynn. "The quilt I made her used to hang in her gift shop," Rose said. But that's not all. "President Bush has one of my quilts hanging up in the office of his ranch in Crawford, Texas," Rose said proudly.

So, how does a blind person make a quilt at all, let alone make quilts that famous people would want? "By feel," she said. "The first quilt I did, I did with polyester instead of cotton." What's the difference? "I can feel the texture of the polyester," she said, "but the cotton was too smooth to be able to feel."

What is it that she feels for? "I do a lot of appliqué," Rose said, "and you can feel where the stitch is because it's smooth against the main part of the quilt, while the part that's not yet stitched is not smooth."

Rose acknowledged the parts that she appliqués to the quilt do have to be cut for her. But she also noted the most common type of quilt, that she called the "split rail pattern," she assembles herself.

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"What I do is to lay out four pieces of fabric," Rose said, "12 inches by three inches, side by side, and stitch them together to make a square." Then I take them and lay them out so they alternate between vertical and some horizontal, so it's like the old split-rail fences they used to build." She added a sewing machine is invaluable for such assembly, and presents little problem for her to use. "The person who showed me how to quilt said that if you can use a sewing machine, you can quilt," she said.

Does Rose make quilts to order? "Of course," she said. "I make them anywhere from king-sized all the way down to baby quilts."

One such made-to-order quilt she has made for the grandson of the Fosters, 13-year-old Dylan Foster, features big rig-type trucks appliquéd on it. Others Rose displayed featured tractors, cats and other items requested by buyers.

"I don't do wedding-ring quilts, though," she said, citing difficulties in getting them to come out correctly.

Not that she had come to town to sell quilts, nor to sell them during her ministries and talks at civic clubs. "I use them to show what I can do, in the face of the obstacles life has put in my way that God has helped me overcome," Rose said. "I couldn't do it without God's talent.

More 2015 Texas Lions State Convention news and information is at convention.texaslions.org.

To register for the convention, hotel or optional programs, go to <http://convention.texaslions.org/2015-college-station/registration/>

Get Connected to Lions

QUILT RAFFLE

fundraiser

TICKETS

\$5.00 each
or
3 for \$10



*Drawing to Be Held April 11, 2015,
District 2-A2 Convention, Kerrville.
You Do Not Have to Be Present to Win.*

*Quilts give a feeling of
warmth, comfort, and home.*

TICKET SALES DATES - DISTRICT Meetings & State Convention
2nd Cabinet Meeting Oct 11, 2014 in Natalia
Mid-Winter Conference Jan 16-17, 2015 San Antonio
District Convention April 10-11, 2015 Kerrville
State Convention May 20-24, 2015 College Station

Proceeds are to be donated to Quilts for Kids to purchase the materials needed to make quilts. The quilts will be given to Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital of San Antonio for the hospital to give to their critically ill, hospitalized children.

*This is a University of the Incarnate Word Lions Club fundraising
project, supported by the Alamo Heights Lions Club.
Questions: Contact Alamo Heights Lions Club.*



UIW & AH LIONS